(c) whether it is also a fact that the ICICI had opened a Letter of Credit for $4,182,387 in the name of German Company, Hassir Hieldelberg for the above said purpose;

(d) whether it is also a fact that second hand machinery had been purchased for only $15 million from the USA and shipped to Bombay; and

(e) whether Government have made any inquiry as to where the rest of the money had gone; and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI) has reported that it had sanctioned to the Indian Express Group a lease assistance of Rs. 10 crores as part finance cost of the imported equipment from USA. However, the company did not avail of the sanctioned assistance and the same has since lapsed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (c) Do not arise.

Floating of Bonds By Public Sector Undertakings

3246. SHRI VITHAL RAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Public Sector Undertakings have sought and have been granted permission to raise public funds/borrowings by floating bonds during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof public sector wise;

(c) what operative action has been taken by each of the Public Sector Undertakings during the current year to raise the required funds;

(d) what are the Public Sector Undertaking-wise mobilisation of public funds through Bonds during the past five years;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the funds raised for specific purposes were invested in banks under FMS or fixed deposits; and

(f) if so, the details of such deals Public Sector Undertaking-wise action taken against the defauiting officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (f) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tandon and Chore Committee Report

3247. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Tandon and Chore Committee;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) what is the reaction of the Government thereto and final decision taken thereon;

(d) whether PHDCCI has furnished a memorandum to Government in regard to the recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had constituted a "Study Group to Frame Guidelines for Follow-up of Bank Credit" under the Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Tandon, the then Chairman of Punjab National Bank which submitted its report in August, 1975. RBI had, also, set up another Committee (known as Chore Committee) headed by Shri K.B. Chore, the then Chief Officer of RBI, in March, 1979 to review the system of cash credit, for making the working capital needs of the industry. The recommendation made were for commercial banks to follow up and supervise credit from the point of view of ensuring propoer end-use of funds, adoption of inventory norms for financing of industries, the improvements